MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Let the Home Minister reply... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: There was a discussion about it yesterday. That is all.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: The Chairman has permitted him to speak. What are you talking? ...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down? I have allowed Shri Karanjia to say about his difficulty he had yesterday. I have not allowed him to make a political speech... (*Interruptions*)... I have not allowed you to make a political speech. I ask the Home Minister to reply to the points you have made. You have raised a point... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Sir, may I reply to what the Member has said? ...(*Interruptions*)... This clearly shows their attitude.

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी : जब तक मि० करंजिया अपनी बात पूरी नहीं कर लेते तब तक गृह मंत्री रिप्लाई नहीं कर सकते ।

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Milk and Milk products order, 1992

*61. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations for and against the Milk and Milk Products Order, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Over 500 telegrams/letters congratulating the Government on issuing the Milk and Milk Product Order were received from various Milk Producers Cooperative Societies, Unions and other Associations in various States. A few representations from the Industry and Commerce Associations against certain aspects of the Order have also been received.

Relief to People Affected by Natural Disasters

*62. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any plan to provide relief to the people affected by natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when such plans are proposed to be implemented;

(d) the fund earmarked for implementing those plans; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (e) The present scheme of the Government for financing expenditure on relief in the case of natural calamities is based on the recommendations of the IX Finance Commission. The scheme is operational from 1.4.90 to 31.3.1995. Under this scheme, a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) with an annual allocation of Rs. 804.00 crores has been constituted with contributions from Central and State Governments in the ratio of 3:4.

The State Governments are free to draw upon this corpus for providing relief in the event of any natural calamity. A State Level Committee headed by Chief Secretary has been empowered to decide on all matters connected with the financing of the relief expenditure including norms of assistance.